

**MINUTES OF THE SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION**  
**Police Headquarters - 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT 06078**  
**January 24, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

**Commissioners:** Chairman Anthony Greco, William Boucher, Kristina Hallett, Michael Siegel, Terrence Plakias and Joseph Blake

**Also Present:** Chief James Canon, Susan Smyth and First Selectman Colin Moll via Zoom.

Chairman Greco called the Regular Police Commission meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Election of Officers:**

Chairman Greco asked for nominations for position of Chairman.

Joseph Blake made the motion to nominate Anthony Greco for the position of Chairman, seconded by Kristina Hallett. Vote passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Greco asked for the nominations for position of Vice Chairman.

Anthony Greco made the motion to nominate Joseph Blake for the position of Vice Chairman, second by Michael Siegel. Vote passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Greco asked for the nominations for the position of Clerk.

Joseph Blake made the motion to nominate Kristina Hallett, second by Anthony Greco. Vote passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Communications and Announcements:**

Communications Secretary Kristina Hallett read aloud a card from Suffield Youth Services thanking the Department for participating in Bowl with the Blue.

Communications Secretary Kristina Hallett also read aloud a card received from Family #18 thanking the Department for all the presents and food donated to their family.

Communication Secretary Kristina Hallett read aloud a note from a Community member thanking ACO Selig for responding to her home for a rabid racoon. He was prompt and quickly resolved the issue. He had a very high level of professionalism.

Also, read out loud was a Certificate of Excellence for The Suffield Police Department for dedication and outstanding performance to NIBRS data accuracy for 2023.

**Previous Minutes:**

Chairman Greco asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 25, 2023. Commissioner Joseph Blake made the motion to approve the submitted minutes of the regular meeting with no changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kristina Hallett. Motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

**DEPARTMENT / CHIEF REPORT**

**1. SRO Report – Submitted by Officer Randy Roman**

- a) There were no comments from the Commission.

**2. ACO Report – Submitted by Ryan Selig**

- a.) There were no comments from the Commission.

**Operations Report – Submitted by Lieutenant Ryan Burrell**

Lieutenant Burrell's report indicated the following:

**Arrests:**

- Officers made 6 arrests in the last Month.

**Burglaries/Larcenies/Motor Vehicle Thefts:**

- In the last month Suffield Police Officers responded to three larceny complaints. One was for stolen packages that had been left outside. Another was for a shed that had been broken into and a leaf blower was stolen. Another complaint was at the Food Bag for parties stealing from the store.

**Fraud:**

- Community members are still reporting a large number of fraud and identity theft complaints. The Department is now experiencing a 150% increase compared to 2023.

**Domestic / Mental Health Related:**

- Officers responded to approximately 5 domestic violence related calls in the last month with 3 arrests being made. The Department is experiencing a 40% increase compared to 2023.

**Equipment Update:**

- We are currently maintaining the fleet we have.

**Administrative Updates – Submitted by Captain Robert Palmer**

None

**Commission Meeting Report/Police Budget and ACO Report – Submitted by Chief James Canon**

Chief Canon reported on the following:

**Budget Highlights:**

- The budget appears to be on track with projections at this time. There are no significant issues at this time.
- ACO budget appears on track at this time. There have been a few cases that have resulted in the need for veterinary costs which has impacted the budget.

**Grants:**

- We are nearing the end of grant season and some of them are set to drop off by virtue of their expiration date.
- SAMSHA Grant has returned to Suffield.
- In discussion with the First Selectman, he has asked the Local Traffic Authority to seek permission for electronic signage the crosswalks in and around the center of town.

**Informational:**

- As of January 22, 2024, we currently have one vacant Officer position. We have filled the Dispatch position. We are continuing to recruit for an Officer Position.

**Executive Session**

Executive Session entered at 7:01pm to Discuss SRO-MOU. Executive session ended at 7:20 pm with 5 in favor and 1 abstention (Boucher)

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business**

None

**Chairman's Update:**

None

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further, Chairman Greco asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Police Commission Meeting. Commissioner Blake made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Hallett. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Smyth